

**NYNEHEAD PARISH COUNCIL**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON  
5 OCTOBER 2009 AT THE MEMORIAL HALL, NYNEHEAD

Present: Mr. M. Hooper (in the chair), Mr. M. Briginshaw, Mr. P. Netley and Mr. G. Sparks.  
Also present were Mr. C. Spackman (Parish Paths Liaison Officer) and 9 members of the public.

Apologies: Mr. A. Howe, Mr. T. McMahon (County Councillor), Mr. C. Bishop (Borough Councillor) and PCSO J. McAteer.

09/103 There were no Declarations of Interest.

09/104 The minutes of the meeting on 7 September 2009 were approved and signed as a correct record.

09/105 Matters arising from the minutes

- (i) 09/081(i) – There was no progress to report on notice board repairs.
- (ii) 09/081(vi) - TDBC maintenance grants were still awaited.
- (iii) 09/097 – Jubilee Playing Field registration.
  - a. The Playing Field had now been registered at the Land Registry. The Clerk would deal with a technical query about an easement on the land.
  - b. The Chairman of the Playing Field Committee had replied to the Council's points raised at the last meeting: 'I will take your response to the committee next time we meet, we will consider it and respond more formally. My initial reaction is that the Council and the Committee seem to be taking similar positions, your letter says that "the Council had no access to evidence on which it could take a view on the issue", and it's the lack of any real evidence that lies behind our position too - we do not know if the boundary is in exactly the right place because we have seen no evidence that shows exactly where the boundary is. If members of the public have new evidence then, of course, they are free to bring it to me, I will take it to the Playing Fields Committee as soon as possible and we will consider it in due course.'
  - c. The Clerk had discussed with the Deane Council's Senior Legal Officer two matter raised in a letter by Mr. D. Brook – the ultimate responsibility for identifying the boundary between the playing field and the property known as South View and the renting of playing field land to a resident of another property. The Deane's officer agreed with the advice given by the Clerk at the Council's last meeting and also confirmed that the Deane Council had no formal role in the matter.
  - d. The Chairman invited members of the public to contribute to the discussion which, in the light of the continuing concern about the decision of the Playing Field Committee on the boundary issue, concentrated on the suggestion that the committee be asked to hold a special meeting or EGM open to the public. After a long discussion it was agreed that it was up to members of the public to write directly to the chairman of the committee and that the Council would itself take no further action at this stage.
- (iv) 09/098(i) - Village of the Year competition – The Chairman had attended the ceremony to receive Nynehead's award of the Community Prize. It appeared that this was the last competition to be sponsored by Calor.

09/106 Highway matters

- (i) Somerset Highways had not yet replied to the Council's requests for details of the 'intervention levels' for road repairs and for information on the footway from the new Poole roundabout to the caravan site. However it appeared that work on the footway was starting.
- (ii) The Chairman had completed the National Highways and Transport Survey questionnaire.
- (iii) The Clerk would respond to the Bridgwater, Taunton and Wellington Draft Transport Strategy 2009-26, confirming the Council's support for the northern relief road for Wellington, improvements to the Chelston roundabout, the reopening of Wellington Station and improvements to bus services.
- (iv) The Eva Edwards memorial seat had been reinstated at the new Poole roundabout.
- (v) Somerset Highways would be asked to remove the 10 m.p.h. signs in the village and to provide direction signs on the approach to the new roundabout. Members were still concerned about the effectiveness of the arrangements for dealing with surface water at the roundabout.

09/107 Rights of way

Mr. Spackman gave his monthly report on the parish's footpaths. Generally paths were usable but the reinstatement of paths after ploughing and the unattractiveness of paths through maize were continuing problems. He thanked those who had carved a path at some time through such fields. The replacement of the stile at the bottom of Blackdown View was still outstanding. The path to Bradford-on-Tone would be closed at least to January and there was still no fingerpost at Ash Lane below Clavengers. Big muddy puddles on the Fruit Farm were a problem to which he would be paying attention.

09/108 Planning matters

- (i) It was agreed to raise no objection in principle to for the erection of a two storey rear extension, single storey garden room and detached double garage with annex above, Dollings, East Nynehead (ref. 26/09/0009) subject to a) the use of brick not render for the new buildings, to match the existing house, b) the occupancy of the annex over the garage to be tied to the main house and c) as the extension as proposed would be equal to the size of the existing house, consideration being given to reducing the scale of the extension to ensure that it is subservient to the main house.
- (ii) It was noted that permission has been granted for:
  - a. The replacement of west-facing sitting room window, Aisle Barn, Chipley Park (ref. 26/09/0007LB).
  - b. Management work to one field maple and five sweet chestnuts, Nynehead church yard (ref. 26/09/0008T).
- (iii) Appeal - affordable housing on land opposite the Memorial Hall (26/08/0010). As agreed at the last meeting the Clerk had drafted the Council's representations on the appeal and after consulting the Chairman had submitted them to the Planning Inspectorate. Copies had been given to members and the Council endorsed the representations made. The Inspector's site visit would probably be in mid-November.

- (iv) Appeal - affordable housing on land at Poole (ref. 26/08/0011).  
An appeal had been lodged against the refusal of planning permission for this proposal. There would be a public inquiry in due course. After discussion it was agreed to reiterate the support given to the scheme at the meeting on 2 February 2009 (minute 09/019(i)(b)) and to emphasise the following points:
- a. There had been a change in circumstances since the application was made, in that a footway from the Poole roundabout is being built.
  - b. The site is not remote from public transport. There is a bus stop on the main road only 5 minutes walk away and the site is closer to a bus stop than parts of the Cade Farm development.
  - c. The land was last used for housing and is clearly a brownfield site suitable for development.
  - d. While the housing is not proposed specifically to serve any need that there might be in Nynehead it would be available for Nynehead residents.
- The Clerk would draft a statement for consultation with the Chairman. The presentation of the Council's case at the Inquiry would be discussed at a future meeting when the details of the Inquiry are known.
- (v) The Clerk had received an enquiry about works at a house in farthings Close. The Chairman said he understood that a retrospective application was being submitted which would come to the Council in due course.

09/109 Adoption of telephone box, Higher Nynehead

BT Payphones had invited the Council to buy the telephone box in Higher Nynehead for £1 as no calls had been made from the box in the past year. The telephony equipment would be removed. The Council expressed an interest in principle but further enquiries would be made about the implications of the acquisition before a decision was made at a future meeting.

09/110 Parish Council administration

- (i) Details of the national agreement for a 1% increase in parish clerks' salaries for 2009-2010 had been received. Mileage allowances were also increased.
- (ii) SALC had advised that no action was needed at this stage on the Sustainable Communities Act Amendment Bill as there were more important matters to be considered.

09/111 Payments and receipts

The issue of a cheque was authorised for the Clerk's salary (£200.66) and expenses (£11.51) for September - £212.17 (prop. Mr. Briginshaw, sec. Mr. Netley) (cheque no. 000528).

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09/112 Correspondence

The receipt was noted of the following correspondence tabled at the meeting:

- (i) SCC – request for copy of Community Plan.
- (ii) TDBC – re contact details for village newsletters and websites (Mr. Briginshaw to reply).
- (iii) Victim Support Somerset – request for grant.
- (iv) Avon and Somerset Police – Community Policing Awards 2009 (leaflet attached).
- (v) Inaura (a Somerset-based fostering agency) – re advertising in parish newsletter.
- (vi) Jo Wilkins – survey for dissertation on parish council engagement in the planning process (the Clerk to reply).
- (vii) SCC – posters and leaflets re appointments of school governors.
- (viii) TDBC – Deane Dispatch.
- (ix) TDBC – poster re Recession Relief Fund (put on Memorial Hall notice board).
- (x) Littlethorpe of Leicester Ltd. – bus shelter leaflet.
- (xi) Timberline – play systems etc brochure.
- (xii) Kompan – play equipment brochure.
- (xiii) PCSO J. McAteer – monthly report.
- (xiv) Inspector S. Williams – re appointment as Neighbourhood Inspector for Taunton and wellington PACT.

09/113 Item for the next meeting (2 November) – opening hours at the Poole household waste recycling site.

Signed:

Chairman

Date: